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Representative Dan Branch



Biographical Information

Representative Dan Branch, 45, serves as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Elected in 2002, Mr. Branch represents downtown, uptown and near east Dallas, as well as the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park. He serves on the Appropriations Committee and as Budget and Oversight Chair of the Public Education Committee. He is the only Dallas County member on either committee. In addition, he sits on the House Select Committee on Public School Finance and on the Education Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. Capitol Inside listed Branch as a 2003 Freshman Legislator of the Year and as the only first-term member to be recognized among its 2003 Legislators of the Year.

A longtime civic and community leader, Rep. Branch previously served with distinction in government as well as several presidential and Texas gubernatorial campaigns, including those of President George W. Bush and former Presidents Reagan and Bush. Along with his Co-Chair, Dan led George W. Bush's 1994 & 1998 gubernatorial campaigns in Dallas County. In 1999, Governor Bush appointed Branch as Chairman of the Texas Public Finance Authority, the state agency that oversees the funding of Texas' long-term capital projects. In 1999 and 2000, Branch directed various national outreach efforts of the George W. Bush presidential campaigns and, immediately following election night in 2000, he served on the Bush-Cheney Florida Recount legal team in Palm Beach County and Tallahassee.

Rep. Branch is a senior shareholder of the law firm of Winstead Sechrest & Minick. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a former president of The Dallas Assembly. He serves on the Boards of Directors of SMU's John Tower Center for Political Studies, the Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C., and the Southwestern Medical Foundation in Dallas. Branch is a graduate of the SMU School of Law, Oklahoma Christian University and Georgetown University's Institute on Comparative Political & Economic Systems. He and his wife, Stacey, reside in University Park with their five children: Daniel, Jr., Spencer, Catherine, Charles and Sarah.

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